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l. Thirty moderate Leftists in the political grouping known as "Revolucion Guatemalteca," composed of the five parties which are the backbone of the present Administration, have signed petitions demanding expulsion of the Communists. The movement is led by Interior Minister Charnaud MacDonald, and is an attempt to eliminate Communist influence from Government parties. The petitions specifically named Roberto Alvarado Fuentes, ex-President of the National Congress; Alfonso Solorzano, ex-Director of the Social Security System; and Abel Cuenca, Salvadorean-born political and Labor leader; it was claimed that these three are traitors to the "Revolucion Guatemalteca," and are charged with attempting to pervert its ideals to conform with Communist extremism. Although we doubt that this movement will be sufficiently strong to offset the well-established pro-Communist influences in the present Administration, it is worthy of note that there are some elements in the present Administration that are fighting the pro-Communist influence.

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